



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
FOIA Service Center

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Mr. Austin Evers
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RE: FOIA Request No. 17-02270-F

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is an interim response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated July 24, 2017 and received in this office on July 26, 2017. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request.

You requested the following:

American Oversight requests that your agency produce the following within twenty business days:

1. All guidance regarding using properties owned by the Trump Organization³ for government-sponsored conferences or meetings;
2. All emails regarding using properties owned by the Trump Organization for government-sponsored conferences or meetings;
3. All guidance regarding attending conferences or meetings at properties owned by the Trump Organization;
4. All emails regarding attending conferences or meetings at properties owned by the Trump Organization;
5. All guidance regarding reimbursement for meals, overnight stays, or other expenses incurred at properties owned by the Trump Organization;
6. All emails regarding reimbursement for meals, overnight stays, or other expenses incurred at properties owned by the Trump Organization;

7. Records sufficient to demonstrate total costs reimbursed or paid directly by the agency for visits to any property owned by the Trump Organization. Reimbursements include payments for the cost of individual airfare of government employees and their spouses, costs for government transportation, conference fees, rental fees, lodging, meals, rental vehicles, overtime payments, and any other reimbursable expenses;

The search for responsive records should include all individuals and locations where records are likely to exist, including the immediate office of the agency head, the designated agency ethics official, and all agency offices involved in making travel arrangements or receiving, approving, paying, reimbursing, or auditing travel expenses.

Please provide all responsive records from January 20, 2017, to the date the search is conducted.

Attached to this e-mail is a fully releasable chart that is responsive to your request for **items 5-7** of your request from the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). The document provided is:

Tran ID		Tran Date	Post Date	Purchase Method	Merchant	City, State	MCC	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Tax	Tran Type
MCGHEE, GREGORY											
194348588		08/18/2017	08/21/2017	In Person	BLT PRIME TRUMP DC	WASHINGTON, DC	5812	\$47.60	\$0.00	\$3.60	Purchase
Totals for MCGHEE, GREGORY						Total Transactions	1	\$47.60	\$0.00	\$3.60	

Staff from the Office of Finance and Operations (OFO) informed this office (FSC) that after a search of their files, they were unable to locate any documents that were responsive to your request.

At this time, the Department is continuing to process your request, and your FOIA request case file remains open. It will not close until the Department provides you with a response regarding outstanding responsive documents from OCO in reference to **items 1-4**. Our final release letter will contain information related to your appeal rights of agency decisions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 401-8365, or you may send an e-mail to EDFOIAManager@ed.gov.

Sincerely,



Christie D. Swafford
Government Information Specialist, OS